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WASHINGTON, May 13—Reports from Moscow suggest that Russia's great wartime hero, Marshal Georgi Zhukov, is being brought back into favor to appease dissident Soviet military elements.

The potentially vast ramifications of the Col. Oleg Penkovsky treason trial are only beginning to emerge, experts here say. As seen from here Premier Khrushchev's position requires him to ferret out those top military who gave Penkovsky protection. At the same time Khrushchev must proceed at a pace that will stop short of alienating the military. The return of Marshal Zhukov is pictured as one psychological cushion that will soften the blows Khrushchev must deal Penkovsky's friends.

Zhukov was denigrated and removed from his post as secretary of defense in late 1957 on accusations of siding with the anti-Khrushchev clique led by Molotov.

Western diplomats say that Moscow is rife with reports that Zhukov may be given some official post.

Khrushchev's caution in dealing with the dissident military is viewed as a significant example of the limitations of his power as compared with Stalin's.

Although Khrushchev has taken care to screen it from Western eyes, there are signs that the process of eliminating the Penkovsky circle started shortly after the colonel's arrest last December.

Reaction here is that there may not be any purges of the brutality of the Stalin era, but that there will be certainly some changes that made.